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1. A destroyer of 1,800 to 2,000 tons was seen in the Soviet Navy Dockyard, Nikolayev (46°58'N/32°00'E), Ukrainian S.S.R. The destroyer had a broad funnel raking slightly toward the stern and two thin masts. It was moored for engine-trials which apparently tested all rates of speed. *
2. A cruiser of the Maxim Gorki class, about 9,000 tons, was also berthed there. The cruiser carried two triple turrets forward and one triple turret aft. The gun barrels were being mounted at that time. **
3. A battleship of about 35,000 tons lay in the dockyard basin. She was about 21.0 meters long and her beam was about 36 meters. Her draft was 9 meters. The ship had two large funnels and three triple turrets with heavy guns which were installed during the period of observation. The caliber was estimated at 400 mm. ***

25X1 * [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably a destroyer of the Gromki class. The destroyer was probably about to leave for a shake-down run.

25X1 ** [REDACTED] Comment. Probably the new Soviet cruiser Kuibyshev.

*** [REDACTED] Comment. The battleship may have been the Stalinskaya Konstitusia, whose hull had been destroyed by the German armed forces during the war. This possibility is indicated by reports [REDACTED] who stated that construction work on the ship's hull was continued.

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